(*a*) Whether darkhasts for lands are being expeditiously and satisfactorily disposed of as contemplated by Government?

(*b*) If so, how many darkhasts were received since 1st July 1925 up till now in each district, how many of them were disposed of, and how many are still pending and why?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—28. (*a*) Government observe an appreciable improvement in the disposal of darkhasts.

(*b*) Including arrears pending disposal at the end of June 1925, 19,340 darkhasts were received up to date, of which 11,588 darkhasts have been disposed of, leaving 7,752 darkhasts pending. A good many of these darkhasts are for gomal and kharab lands, lands reserved as date groves, and for nirsaradi. The disposal of these darkhasts involves correspondence with other departments, and also sub-division of blocks, which necessarily take some time.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. N. Mallappa.—

Districtwar particulars are not given in the reply given in section (*b*), but particulars for the whole State are given. It is seen from the answer given that two-thirds of the total number of darkhasts were disposed of and the large portion of the pending darkhasts are for gomal and kharab lands. Will Government be pleased to state how long they will take to dispose of these pending cases? The pendency of over 7,000 darkhasts is very large.

Dewan.—

They will be disposed of as soon as possible.

BY MESSRS. K. CHANNABASAPPA and BHISTAPPA (Davangere Taluk) and O. CHANNABASAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—29. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Have the lands situated below the Sulekere Tank in the Channagiri Taluk been granted to Mr. Wilberforce?

What is the total extent of these lands and the purpose for which the same have been granted?

(*b*) What are the agreements come to between the Government and Mr. Wilberforce in connection with the grant of the above lands? Will the said documents be made available for the information of the public?

(*c*) Have the Government agreed to extend the concession shown to Mr. Wilberforce, to the natives of Mysore State also? Have any other applications been received for the lands granted to Mr. Wilberforce and if so, how have they been disposed of by Government?

(*d*) Which of the conditions of the agreements have so far been fulfilled by Mr. Wilberforce, and will a detailed report in this behalf be obtained and intimated for the information of the public?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—.

A.—29. (*a*) Yes, to Messrs. Battersby & Co. (per Mr. Wilberforce) 500 acres for sugarcane cultivation.

(*b*) The lands have been granted, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The lands should be paid for at Rs. 50 per acre.

(ii) Twenty per cent of the price should be paid before possession of the lands can be given; and the balance should be paid in 5 equal annual instalments. If the instalments are not paid as they fall due, the lands will be liable to be resumed by the Government.

(iii) Title deeds for the lands will not be given, until the full amount of the purchase money is paid.

(iv) The Firm (Messrs. Battersby & Co.) should execute an indemnity bond relieving the Government of all liability in respect of the original correspondence to grant some land, to be eventually transferred to a sugar company and agreeing to consider as cancelled in full, the previous understanding between the Government and Messrs. Battersby & Co., on the subject of the formation of such a company.

(v) The lands will be subject to the prevailing rates of assessment for similar land in the locality.

(vi) The grant will be in all respects in accordance with the law relating to the grant of land for agricultural purposes under the Mysore Land Revenue Code and the rules framed thereunder.

The Government do not consider it necessary to publish the documents.

(*c*) The question is not clear; any similar applications will be considered and disposed of on their individual merits.

(*d*) Conditions (ii) and (iv) have been fulfilled by the firm. Mr. Wilberforce, on behalf of the firm, was put in possession of the land on 24th October 1925 and 15th January 1926.

The Government do not consider it necessary to publish a detailed report in the matter.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. K. Channabasappa.—

Answer to Section (*c*) is not clear. Will the Government be pleased to state whether any other applications have been received for the lands granted to Mr. Wilberforce and if so, how they were disposed of?

Chief Secretary.—

No applications from others were received.

BY MR. HANUMANTHARAJU, Arya Kshatriya Samaj (Chitaldrug).—

Q.—30. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the amount sanctioned for grant of scholarships to Backward Classes during the year 1925-26?

(*b*) What was the amount spent during the year?

(*c*) What was the number of scholarships granted to each community?

(*d*) What were the number and amount granted to each of the major and minor communities? If possible, particulars may be caused to be given districtwar.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—30. (*a*) Rs. 77,688.